

# Core Reference titles

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## Introduction (pdf [4])

See also **Top Ten Reference Competencies** [5], **Reference services** [6] and **Top Information Sources in Biomedicine, 2012**

With so much health information on the web, the core titles listed here may not always be consulted by patients and consumers in health libraries and information services. That said, the principle of answering basic reference questions in health using simple authoritative tools is an important first step in starting the *reference interview*. As such, these sources of information are critical for many questions, important in understanding how the medical bibliography is structured and in providing information services to health professionals.

## Abbreviations, acronyms, symbols

### • Abbreviations & acronyms [7]

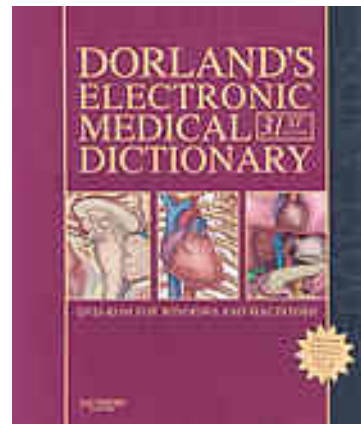
A listing of online and print sources.

### • Medical Abbreviations and Eponyms, Sheila B. Sloane [8] - W13.S56

Lists medical abbreviations and provides brief definitions of medical eponyms, table of elements, short list of symbols, etc.

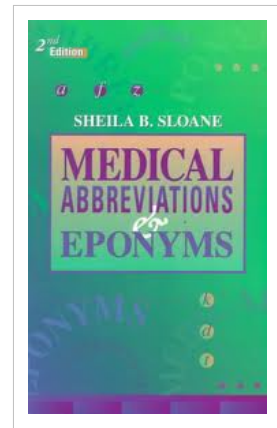
### • Stedman's Abbreviations, Acronyms, & Symbols [9] - W13.S843

20,000+ clinically relevant abbreviations, acronyms, symbols, associations and organizations.



A classic medical dictionary

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dorland%27s\\_medical\\_reference\\_works](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dorland%27s_medical_reference_works)



## Drugs - Canada & United States

- [http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=4004845

### **Canadian Pharmacists Association guide to drugs in Canada]]**

More than 2,000 medications are available in Canada. This guide outlines the main classes by prescription and over-the-counter, correct uses, how they work in the body, and how to manage treatment.

- **Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties** <sup>[10]</sup> ( *The e-CPS* <sup>[11]</sup>)] - QV772.C55

3,000 drugs, cross-referencing generic and brand names. New & discontinued drugs. Colour pictures of selected drugs. Includes pharmaceutical manufacturers' directory.

- **Prescription & over-the-counter drugs for Canadians** <sup>[12]</sup> - QV55.C353

Canadian. Features 750 drug profiles in an alphabetic arrangement.

- **PDR Physicians Desk Reference** <sup>[13]</sup> - QV772.P4

American. Useful for adverse reactions, metabolism information and impact on body organs.



## Eponyms

- **Dictionary of Medical Eponyms** - B.G. Firkin and J.A. Whitworth <sup>[14]</sup> - W13.F57

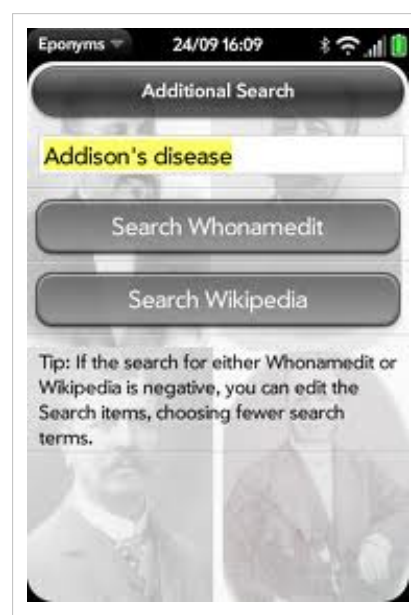
Defines eponyms used in most English-speaking countries. Includes descriptions of medical persons whose names are used eponymously."

- **Whonamedit.com** - the world's most comprehensive dictionary of eponyms <sup>[15]</sup>

Over 15,000 eponyms and more than 6,000 persons described in 5000 main entries. Eponyms are linked to 3409 persons, 130 female and 3279 male.

## Foreign Language

In online catalogues, see subject heading(s) such as *Medical dictionaries - Chinese* <sup>[16]</sup>.



## Dictionaries - General

- **Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary** - W. A. Newman - W13 .D73 <sup>[17]</sup>

A classic medical dictionary. 1000+ illustrations, 13 appendices with anatomy, muscle groups, phobias & reference values for lab tests.

- **Encyclopedia & Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health** - W13.M345 2003 <sup>[18]</sup>

Key dictionary. Appendices: lab values, abbreviations, symbols, weights & measures.

- **Melloni's Illustrated Medical Dictionary** <sup>[19]</sup> -  
Ida Dox - W13.D69

An impressive visual source, Melloni's contains clear definitions, common abbreviations and pronunciation guide. Helpful are "prefixes/suffixes" and "how to use" sections.

- **Mosby's Medical, Nursing & Allied Health Dictionary** <sup>[20]</sup> - WY13.M68

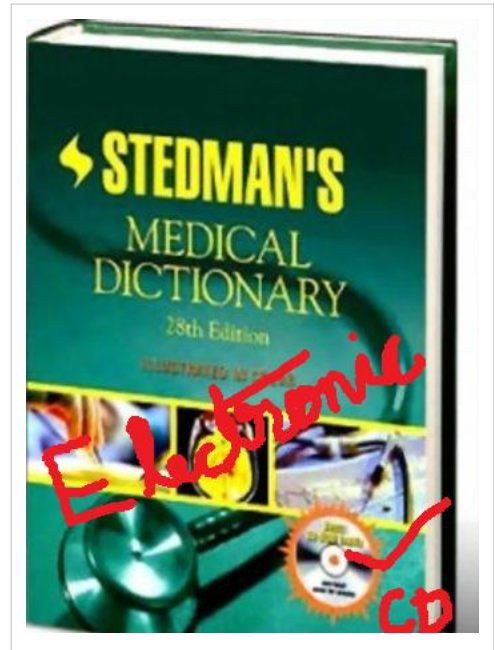
Long entries. 2000+ colour anatomical illustrations, appendices with normal lab values for adults/children, nutrition guidelines, symbols and abbreviations and (U.S.) disease statistics.

- **Stedman's Medical Dictionary** <sup>[21]</sup> - Thomas  
Stedman - W13.S7

1903 classic, Stedman's provides definitions, pronunciation, colour illustrations & anatomical plates, word and genus finders. A complement to Dorland's, used by NLM for MeSH terms.

- **Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary** <sup>[22]</sup> - CW Taber - W13 .T13

Illustrated. Causes, symptoms, poisoning, first aid, prognosis, treatment. Among twenty-five appendices: lab values, daily dietary allowances, phobias, Models & Theories of Nursing.



## Directories - B.C. & Canada

- **B.C. Medical Directory - College of Physicians & Surgeons of BC** - W22.DC2 <sup>[23]</sup>

Five sections: alphabetic listing of members; members by geographical region; members by specialties; "temporary" members and those involved in medical education and finally a directory of BC hospitals.



- **Canadian Medical Directory**. Canadian Medical Association <sup>[24]</sup> - W22.DC2 C5

Directory of certified Canadian physicians, specialists & family doctors. University faculties of medicine, provincial ministries of health, Canadian hospitals and Canadian healthcare associations. Languages spoken by doctors and helpful medicine "Year in Review" included.

- **Guide to Canadian Health Care Facilities** - Canadian Hospital Association <sup>[25]</sup> -  
WX22.DC2C42

A list of Canadian healthcare facilities, hospitals, long term care, arranged by province/city. Lists key personnel, healthcare associations and regional health organizations. Contains manufacturers and distributors of health products and services and overview to health care by province.

## Handbooks & manuals

- **CRC Handbook of Chemistry & Physics** <sup>[26]</sup> - online access <sup>[27]</sup>

A key text for chemistry and physics; used in basic research. Compounds, molecular weight, boiling point, melting point, density, molecular formula, and molecular structure are listed. Formulas, basic units, conversion factors, tables of elements, derivatives and hundreds of integrals help with calculus.

- **Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment** <sup>[28]</sup> **(online)**

Current insight into symptoms, signs, epidemiology, and treatment for more than 1,000 diseases and disorders. For each topic, concise, evidence-based answers to questions about hospital and ambulatory medicine. This clinical companion is the fastest and easiest way to keep abreast of medical advances, prevention strategies, and cost-effective treatments.

- **DSM-IV-TR** <sup>[29]</sup> (Online via STATRef! <sup>[30]</sup>)

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - 4th ed - Text Revision (TR) by the American Psychiatric Association. Includes diagnostic criteria, descriptions and classification and diagnosis (using ICD - International Classification of Diseases). It provides information about features, culture, age, gender, prevalence, and familial pattern of mental disorders.

- **Goodman and Gilman's manual of pharmacology and therapeutics** <sup>[31]</sup>

Covers molecular biology, new drugs and clinical studies which have contributed to drug therapeutics. Provides basic science and clinical application, guiding practitioners in understanding drugs useful in preventing, diagnosing and treating disease. Describes how and why drugs affect body systems, chemical properties of drugs, dosage information, drug interactions and toxic effects.

- **Harriet Lane handbook: a manual for pediatric house officers** <sup>[32]</sup>

- **Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy** <sup>[33]</sup> - or online at UBC <sup>[34]</sup>. All Merck Manuals available here <sup>[35]</sup>.

Covers pediatrics, psychiatry, obstetrics, gynaecology, dermatology, pharmacology, ophthalmology; hand disorders, prion diseases, death and dying, chronic fatigue syndrome, rehabilitation, smoking cessation, and drug therapy. Language is technical. Other Merck manuals <sup>[35]</sup> are available including Geriatrics and Consumer Home Editions.

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## Lab tests

- **Lab Tests Online** <sup>[36]</sup>

Up-to-date information on lab tests, with descriptions of tests, conditions, screening guide and advances (news).

## Syndromes

- **Dictionary of Medical Syndromes - Sergio I. Magalini** <sup>[37]</sup> **WB15.M33 1997**

Arranged by eponym or scientific name. Includes synonym(s), symptoms and signs, etiology, pathology, diagnostic procedures, therapy, prognosis. Extensive appendices.

- **Jablonski's Dictionary of Syndromes & Eponymic Diseases - Stanley Jablonski** <sup>[38]</sup>  
WB15.J32

Includes "syndromes and eponymous diseases which occur in the literature with reasonable frequency." Systematic analysis of 95,000 journal articles over twenty year period helped locate entries. Syndrome is traced to its original description.

- **Whonamedit.com** - the world's most comprehensive dictionary of eponyms <sup>[15]</sup>

Over 7700+ eponyms described in 3781 main entries. These eponyms are linked to 3069 persons: 105 female and 2964 male.

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